



RECOVERING SERVICE MEMBERS: MEETING THE CHALLENGE

Service members recovering from illness or injury often require prolonged treatment and rehabilitative care, which play a critical role in their assessment, management and disposition. DoD meets this challenge by establishing specialty centers of excellence and working in partnership with the VA. As a result, coordination of treatment and continuity of care for those who have returned from combat zones continues to improve dramatically.

Key components of DoD rehabilitative health care for recovering service members include:

- ★ Walter Reed Army Medical Center Amputee Care Center and Gait Laboratory
- ★ National Naval Medical Center's Traumatic Stress and Brain Injury Program
- ★ Center for the Intrepid state-of-the-art rehabilitation facility located at Ft. Sam Houston
- ★ The Army Burn Center at Brooke Army Medical Center located at Ft. Sam Houston
- ★ Naval Medical Center San Diego Comprehensive Combat Casualty Care Center
- ★ The Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury, which coordinates existing expertise from the Center of Deployment Psychology, the Deployment Health Clinical Center, the Center for the Study of Traumatic Stress, the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center and the National Intrepid Center of excellence.

As part of our larger Partnership for Health, Force Health Protection and Readiness (FHP&R) is committed to meeting the needs of our key audiences:

- ★ Service members and families
- ★ Military leadership
- ★ Health care providers and planners

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Operational medicine is practiced in the face of restricted resources and in unconventional environments that present unusual challenges and hazards. Operational Medicine and Medical Force Readiness (OM&MFR) develops the ability to maintain medical readiness and plan for the continuum of health care resources required to sustain the health of the force.

MEDICAL LOGISTICS

The medical logistics program provides policy support for delivery of medical material and services across the continuum of care, from the “brick and mortar” environment of fixed health care facilities to the operational environment of health care or deployed personnel.

THEATER TRAUMA MANAGEMENT

Theater trauma management helps track casualty information and medical innovations to give senior leaders the concrete information they need to make decisions ranging from what protective gear troops will use to how best to deliver combat care.

THEATER MEDICAL RECORDS

OM&MFR helps provide oversight for efforts to integrate records of in-theater health care with individual medical records stored in AHLTA, the military’s interoperable, globally accessible electronic health record for the uniformed services community. In-theater health care providers synchronize electronic medical records through the use of AHLTA-Theater and the handheld AHLTA-Mobile,

improving overall documentation throughout the continuum of care and reducing use of paper health records.

OPERATIONAL MEDICAL FORCE REQUIREMENTS CELL

The Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (FHP&R) established the Operational Medical Force Requirements Cell (OMFRC) to regularly review medical readiness. OMFRC is developing a consistent and reliable means for DoD to identify, develop and sustain critical military medical capability in support of Service members during peace time as well as to assess surge capabilities required for war.

PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH & TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY

DoD is committed to transforming the provision of services across the continuum of psychological health (PH) and traumatic brain injury (TBI). In partnership with the newly established Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury, OM&MFR develops, supports and monitors quality of care initiatives and research for Service members who experience PH issues or TBI. Education, training and outreach are essential components of support and reintegration upon return from deployment.



REHABILITATIVE CARE

DoD is dedicated to providing clinical care and administrative support to recovering Service members and their families during the return-to-duty process as well as to those who are transitioning back to civilian life. Rehabilitative care plays a critical role in the assessment, management and return to function of Service members with severe injuries or illnesses.

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- **Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center (DVBIC)**
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- **Defense Center of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury**
<http://www.health.mil/DCoE.aspx>
- **US Army Institute of Surgical Research**
<http://www.usair.amedd.army.mil/default.html>